



# The Emerald News

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## District 9

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### Dear Friends:

During the month of May my colleagues and I focus a lot of our time and energy on the City's budget for the next fiscal year. While my staff and I here at City Hall are thumbing through the hundreds of pages in the Mayor's budget proposal, I want to make sure that members of the community are educated about the process and have the tools and information needed to get involved. With your input and ideas, we can make a difference as team to put together a city budget that reflects our priorities as a district and community.

### Get Involved with San Diego's Budget Process:

To help the community become more familiar with the process, the Independent Budget Analyst has published a list of important key dates to remember and a guide to help citizens can get involved. Both of these documents can be accessed through their website:

[www.sandiego.gov/iba/otherdocs/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/otherdocs/index.shtml).

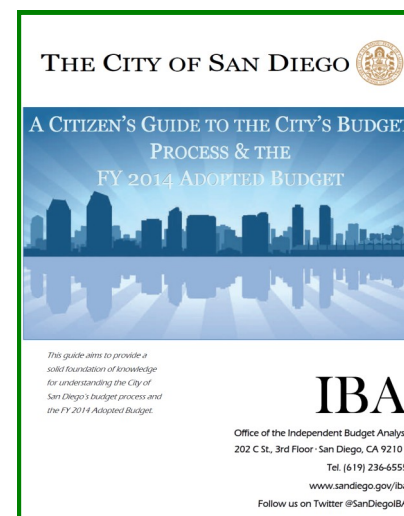
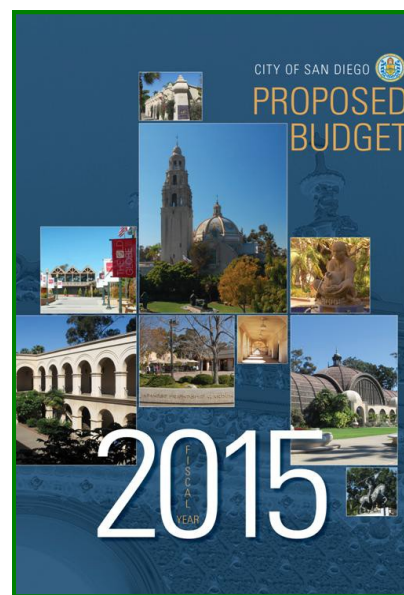
You can find the complete copy of the Mayor's proposed budget at: [www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed](http://www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed).

### My Budget Priorities For Fiscal Year 2015:

With your thoughts and voiced concerns in mind, my priorities during the 2015 budget process will include:

- **Improving Public Safety** in our district and through out the city by funding the SDPD 5-year plan, as well as funding the construction of new Fire Stations;
- **Increasing Community Services** through the additional funding of our parks, libraries, and homeless services; and
- **Fixing Our Infrastructure** by funding street resurfacing, adding streetlights, and sidewalks in our communities.

For further details on my priorities for they 2015 Fiscal Year budget, please contact my office and request a copy of the budget memo. Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of The Emerald News, I look forward to seeing you at a future community event!



- Marti

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## Public Safety Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm at the Joint Meeting of the Public Safety and Neighborhoods and Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. The Joint Meeting will take place at Cherokee Point Elementary located at 3735 38th Street in City Heights. Topics to be discussed include the Commission's 2015-2017 Strategic Action Plan. The Action Plan highlights the Commission's vision and goals and ideas on how to decrease gang activity citywide. The Strategic Action Plan focuses on prevention and intervention at the neighborhood level. Public input is encouraged.



*Pictured above is a recent meeting Councilmember Emerald held discussing gang prevention and intervention*

## Community Members Protecting Our Environment

Early on a Saturday morning in April, neighbors from around District 9 gathered and braved the wet and gloomy weather to clean and clear our canyons and creeks for the annual "Creek to Bay" clean up. Through the spirit of volunteerism, individuals gathered at 17 sites around the district to contribute to the cause. Councilmember Emerald toured all locations to express her gratitude to the volunteers for their efforts.





## The Daily Aztec Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Councilmember Emerald proudly presented the student newspaper at SDSU, "The Daily Aztec," with a Proclamation honoring their 100 Year Anniversary. The Proclamation was presented to the current Editor-In-Chief Leo Castenada, who recently just completed his internship program with Councilmember Emerald's District Office. The awardees honored that night included David Hasemyer who won the Pulitzer for "The Dilbit Disaster: Inside the Biggest Oil Spill You've Never Heard Of," an investigation into a spill of Canadian tar sands oil, Deanna Martin Mackey the Station Manager for KPBS, and Tom Blair, a UT columnist.



## May Events

**Friday, May 2—Cinco de Mayo Celebration** from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at Jeremy Henwood Park Performance Annex 3795 Fairmont Ave, San Diego, CA 92105.

**Tuesday, May 6—The 'Police Executive Research Forum'** will take place at 6:30pm at Cherokee Point Elementary School located at 3735 38th Street in City Heights. We'll be joined by the Department of Justice to assist the San Diego Police Department in reviewing their policies and procedures. This will be an opportunity for members of all communities to give input and share ideas. For More information contact Jim Varnadore via email at [City\\_Heights@yahoo.com](mailto:City_Heights@yahoo.com).

**Friday, May 16—** Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the **Charles Lewis II Memorial Park** starting at 10am located at Home Avenue and 47th St.

**Tuesday, May 20—Healthy Cocina Initiative for San Diego's Fruits and Veggie Fest:** join a statewide celebration from 11am to 2pm shining the spotlight on grocery store partners, and the important role they play in making sure healthy and budget-friendly food choices are available to low-income shoppers. For more information contact Chelsea Fiss via phone at 619 681 0657 or via email at [cfiss@ucsd.edu](mailto:cfiss@ucsd.edu).

**Friday, May 30—**The Caregiver Coalition is hosting an **Elderly Abuse Conference** from 8:15a-1:30p located at the War Memorial Building 3325 Zoo Drive San Diego, CA 92101. To register call 1-800-827-4277 or visit [www.sharp.com](http://www.sharp.com). For more information go online to [caregivercoalitionsd.org](http://caregivercoalitionsd.org).

**Saturday, May 31—**Join the **100 Mile Club** at Central Elementary at Teralta Park at 9am to cheer on young people from neighborhood schools as they race to the finish line.

# Marti and the Community



Thank you Jenny Thomas for sending me this picture of our recent tour of Ch. 10 with Cub Scouts from San Diego Scout Den 5 - Pack 959!



Councilmember Emerald honored the SDSU Men's Basketball team during the city council meeting on April 15, 2014 to thank the players, coaches, fans and The Show, for a memorable season!



Councilmember Emerald proudly proclaimed April 8, 2014 "Sergeant Rick Schnell Day" in honor of a man who has dedicated decades of his life to public safety and helping many homeless individuals in San Diego find housing and support services.

## INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation, along with a brief writing sample, to [jcrivera@sandiego.gov](mailto:jcrivera@sandiego.gov). Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.